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10. — *A Pleasant Peregrination through the Prettiest Parts of Pennsylvania. Performed by PEREGRINE PROLIX.* Philadelphia; Grigg & Elliot. 1836. 12mo. pp. 148.

IN spite of its affected title, this little book is both amusing and instructive. It presents, in a series of playful letters, a great many important facts in relation to the internal improvements of Pennsylvania. Roads, railroads, canals, &c. are intelligently described. With all this attention to the useful, Mr. Prolix has an eye to the picturesque, and a quick perception of the ludicrous. Some of his pictures of the natural beauties of Pennsylvania are drawn with liveliness and taste. Many of the witticisms are amusing; but the author must pardon us for not relishing *all* his puns. Puns are good things at proper times and places, but they should be like "angels' visits." There is no species of wit which grows flat so soon. Our author indulges his vein in this way until we are fairly provoked and worried out. He is too bad even for a Philadelphian. For so small a book there is *rather* too much Latin in it; but perhaps this should not be quarrelled with in our unclassical times. In spite, however, of puns and Latinity, the reader will be pleased with Prolix's clever and sparkling pages.

11. — *The Chinese Repository*, for 1835. Nos. I. — XII.

THE contents of this periodical are various and interesting. It is published at Canton, under the superintendence of English residents, and is devoted almost entirely to China. The plan is a good one, and the execution of it corresponds in ability to the importance of the object. The articles are well written, showing on the part of their authors, a thorough knowledge of the topics they undertake to handle. A great variety of subjects are treated in each number. We have notices of historical personages, sketches of Chinese literature, accompanied by excellent translations of some of the most important Chinese classics, and very curious essays on the manners and customs of the people. But perhaps the most singular portion of all the numbers we have seen, is the account of Chinese education, contained in No. 1 and the sketch of the literary examinations in No. 3. The essays on government and the administration of justice, are clever and full of important information. An article in No. 5, on "the thousand character classic," will give the reader a very good